

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) An intermediate composite part designed for forming a composite reinforcement prosthesis and comprising:

i) a porous textile support which includes an arrangement of threads each composed of at least one filament of nonabsorbable polymer material, said textile support defining ~~the~~ a free edge or edges of the part, and

ii) a hydrophilic absorbable material covering said textile support, at least on one side of the latter, extending across the surface of ~~what is called~~ a protected zone and creating, on each side of the latter, two unprotected zones of the textile support which are limited by said free edges and are devoid of any of said absorbable material,

wherein the absorbable material is selected from the group consisting of modified collagens, polysaccharides, and their mixtures.

2. (Original) The part as claimed in claim 1, wherein the arrangement of threads constitutes a knitted structure.

3. (Original) The part as claimed in claim 1, wherein the textile support constitutes a two-dimensional structure.

4. (Original) The part as claimed in claim 1, wherein the nonabsorbable polymer material is chosen from the group comprising polypropylenes, polyesters,

polyamides and/or their mixtures.

5. cancelled.

6. (Original) The part as claimed in claim 1, wherein the absorbable material covers the textile support on both of its sides.

7. (Original) The part as claimed in claim 1, wherein the absorbable material covers the textile support by means of a membrane linked to the textile support by bonding and/or partial impregnation.

8. (Original) The part as claimed in claim 1, wherein the textile support defines a microporosity and a macroporosity.

9. (Original) The part as claimed in the claim 8, wherein the absorbable material covers the textile support by means of a coating which occludes the microporosity of the textile support.

10. (Original) The part as claimed in claim 9, wherein the coating also occludes the macroporosity of the textile support in a zone called the occluded zone.

11. (Original) The part as claimed in claim 1, wherein said part is rectangular, and wherein the protected zone represents a central band of said part.

12. (Original) The part as claimed in claim 10, wherein said part is rectangular, and wherein the occluded zone represents a central band of said part.

13. (Original) Use of the intermediate composite part as claimed in claim 1, for obtaining a composite reinforcement prosthesis.

14. (Original) Process for obtaining a composite reinforcement prosthesis, wherein: i) an intermediate composite part as claimed in claim 1 is obtained, ii) the composite part is cut out along a cutting line defining in this part at least two zones of tissue attachment, on each side of a zone of tissue support, the attachment zones being cut out from the two unprotected zones, respectively, and the tissue support zone being cut out from the protected zone.

15. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 14, wherein the cutting line defines a strip with straight parallel edges.

16. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 14, wherein the cutting line defines a strip with parallel edges curved in an arch.

17. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 14, wherein the cutting line defines a strip with nonparallel edges, which is bulged in the central region and narrower at the ends.